

after installing EAS units all year in 1996....

Hmmmmmm

(what a great way to keep the
Radio engineers very busy while congress
passed the telcom act of 1996)

I have found that the only government office
that really will send us EAS's messages
is the government weather office...
99% of EAS's that need to be rebroadcast come over
the weather radio (about ~ ~162.55mhz ~)

I hope all the LPFM will install a weather radio
(and antenna) and hook it up to over ride
the stations programming with the weather EAS messages...
this could be done with a
\$70 radio from radio shack and a \$15 relay....

this should be done for YOUR community ! ,
even if the FCC thinks small stations don't need this EAS system...
I think we do need to relay 100% of the weather office EAS's

you may even want to make your LPFM the primary EAS station
if you are going to run live 24/7 ,
this will make the corporate stations and cable company
monitor YOUR station.
and put the local community back in the loop.

many times in corporate radio I was asked to unhook the EAS box !

(at both clear channel and citadel ,
and crawford didnt install the \$200 digital voice recorders !)

don't count on corporate radio getting that
EAS message out in a timely manor.

and you can forget the FEDs ever sending us a message over it ,
it's never been tested!
(event codes NIC or messages from king george)

if you can spend \$3000 on EAS

if you have any blind DJ's the TFT 911 box can be used
but this unit must be on a UPS and bugs out some times..

the SAGE/harris unit can be hard to set up but works okay
but due to it's LCD menu and 5 button I/O it would be very hard
for a blind dj to use.

also on EAS , the weather service need to
move the old weather-radio tone to BEFOR the eas header...
and start using standard EAS geer , the goverment EAS unit
is very hard for them to use !

im a wiz on setting up the tft-911 box if anyone needs help...

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note to FCC inspector's , press the 'review last message' button
to check to see if the station installed the digital voice recorder!

with out it the DJ wont be able to get the EAS message relayed !!!